

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1.-12. (Cancelled)

13. (Currently Amended) A portable inhibitor device for use by a user, comprising a transmitter of an inhibitor message for ~~inhibiting restricting processing, by an image capture device, of from processing~~ a portion of ~~an~~ [[said]] image corresponding to the user of said user portable inhibitor device, wherein the inhibitor message is recognizable by the image capture device and is to cause an image processor in the image capture device to perform an action to restrict processing of the portion of the image corresponding to the user.

14. (Original) The user portable device as claimed in claim 13, wherein said inhibitor device is arranged to transmit said inhibitor message directionally.

15. (Currently Amended) The user portable device as claimed in claim 13, wherein said inhibitor device is arranged to transmit said inhibitor ~~signal message~~ omni-directionally.

16. (Currently Amended) The user portable device as claimed in claim 13, wherein said transmitter is arranged to transmit the inhibitor message ~~comprises comprising~~ an infrared signal.

17. (Currently Amended) The user portable device as claimed in claim 13, wherein said transmitter is arranged to transmit the inhibitor message [[as]] comprising a visual signal₁[[;]]

1 18. (Currently Amended) The user portable device as claimed in claim 13, wherein
2 said transmitter is arranged to transmit the inhibitor message [[as]] comprising a radio frequency
3 signal.

1 19.-25. (Cancelled)

1 26. (Currently Amended) An image capture system comprising:
2 ~~an inhibitor device arranged to be carried by an object for inhibiting processing of an~~
3 ~~image of said object;~~
4 ~~at least one an~~ image capture device, said image capture device including an image
5 inhibitor component responsive to an inhibit signal transmitted by an inhibitor device carried by
6 an object for inhibiting to restrict processing of portions a portion of an image captured by said
7 image capture device, ~~and~~
8 wherein said image capture device includes an encoder responsive to the inhibit signal
9 detected by the image inhibitor component for encoding [[a]] the portion of said image captured
10 by said image capture device, said encoded image portion corresponding to an image of said
11 object.

1 27. (Currently Amended) The image capture system as claimed in claim 26, wherein
2 the image capture device is configured to; further comprising a trusted third party computer
3 device, said trusted third party computer being arranged for:
4 receiving an send the encoded image portion to a trusted third party computer to allow
5 the trusted third party computer to decode the encoded image portion to recover an image of the
6 object, and
7 decoding said image portion.

1 28. (Currently Amended) The image capture system as claimed in claim 27[[26]],
2 ~~further comprising a trusted third party computer device, said trusted third party computer being~~
3 ~~arranged for:~~

4 ~~receiving an encoded image portion; and~~

5 ~~decoding said image portion;~~

6 ~~said image capture device being arranged to send said encoded image portion to said~~
7 ~~trusted third party computer;~~

8 ~~wherein the image capture device is configured to receive, from said trusted third party~~
9 ~~computer, being arranged to decode said encoded image portion to produce a clear the recovered~~
10 ~~image of the object, a person and to send said decoded clear image to said image capture device.~~

1 29. (Currently Amended) An image capture system comprising:

2 an inhibitor device adapted to be mounted on a host wearer for ~~inhibiting~~ restricting
3 processing of image data corresponding to said host wearer, wherein the inhibitor device is to
4 transmit an inhibit message to; ~~and~~ an image capture device comprising an image inhibitor
5 component for restricting processing of the image data corresponding to ~~one or more objects the~~
6 host wearer within a captured scene image;

7 wherein said inhibitor device ~~is being~~ arranged for sending at least one image of [[a]] the
8 host wearer of said inhibitor device to said image capture device, ~~such that to cause~~ said image
9 capture device ~~can to use said received at least one image of the host wearer for recognizing an~~
10 image portion corresponding to said ~~object,~~ host wearer within said captured scene image.

1 30. (Currently Amended) An image capture system comprising:
2 an inhibitor device adapted to be carried by a host wearer for ~~inhibiting restricting~~
3 processing of image data corresponding to said host wearer; ~~and, wherein the inhibitor device is~~
4 ~~arranged to transmit an inhibit signal to an image capture device to cause the image capture~~
5 ~~device to restrict processing of the image data corresponding to the host wearer,~~
6 ~~a third party computer entity comprising an image inhibitor component for restricting~~
7 ~~processing of image data corresponding to one or more objects within a captured image scene;~~
8 ~~wherein said inhibitor device being is arranged for sending to send~~ at least one image of
9 [[a]] ~~the~~ host wearer of said inhibitor device[[,]] ~~to said a third party computer entity, such that to~~
10 ~~cause said third party computer entity [[can]] to use said received at least one image of the host~~
11 ~~wearer~~ for recognizing an image portion corresponding to said ~~host wearere~~ object, ~~within said~~
12 ~~captured scene image.~~

1 31. (Currently Amended) An image capture device comprising:
2 an optics system for forming an image ~~on a detector~~; and
3 an image inhibitor operable for receiving from ~~a source~~ an inhibitor device associated
4 with a user that is external of said image capture device, an inhibit signal for inhibiting a portion
5 of said ~~captured image corresponding to the user, and inhibiting viewing of the portion of the~~
6 ~~image accordingly; and~~
7 an image processor responsive to detection of the inhibit signal by the image inhibitor to
8 perform an action to restrict processing of the portion of the image corresponding to the user.

1 32.-39. (Cancelled)

1 40. (New) The portable inhibitor device as claimed in claim 13, wherein the inhibitor
2 message is to cause the image processor in the image capture device to perform the action that
3 modifies the portion of the image corresponding to the user.

1 41. (New) The portable inhibitor device as claimed in claim 40, wherein modifying of
2 the portion of the image includes one or more of: decreasing a resolution of the portion of the
3 image; overlaying a graphic image on the portion of the image; defocusing the portion of the
4 image; and darkening the portion of the image.

1 42. (New) The portable inhibitor device as claimed in claim 13, wherein the
2 transmitter is configured to further send an image of the user to the image capture device.

1 43. (New) The image capture system as claimed in claim 26, wherein the image
2 capture device is configured to modify the portion of the image to obscure the portion of the
3 image in response to the inhibit signal.

1 44. (New) The image capture system of claim 43, wherein the portion of the image is
2 modified by one or more of: decreasing a resolution of the portion of the image; overlaying a
3 graphic image on the portion of the image; defocusing the portion of the image; and darkening
4 the portion of the image.

1 45. (New) The image capture device as claimed in claim 31, wherein the image
2 processor is to further receive an image of the user from the inhibitor device, and
3 wherein the image processor is to match the received image of the user with the portion
4 of said image formed by the optics system.

1 46. (New) The image capture device as claimed in claim 31, wherein the action
2 performed by the image processor includes modifying the portion of the image corresponding to
3 the user.

1 47. (New) The image capture device as claimed in claim 31, wherein modifying the
2 portion of the image includes one or more of:

3 decreasing a resolution of the portion of the image; overlaying a graphic image on the
4 portion of the image; defocusing the portion of the image; and darkening the portion of the
5 image.

1 48. (New) The image capture device as claimed in claim 31, wherein the image
2 processor is to process image data captured by the optics system.